

# **California State Military Reserve**



## **Promotion and Change of Command Ceremony**

**7 January 2006  
Joint Force Headquarters  
Sacramento, California**

## HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GUARD

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The California State Guard was organized with Headquarters in Sacramento in January of 1941 by Executive Order of Governor Culbert L. Olsen when California National Guard elements of the 40th Infantry Division, 250th and 251st Coast Artillery Regiments, and other units were federalized. Although the authorized strength of the State Guard was originally set at 10,000, the actual mustered strength reached 21,615 by the end of 1941.

By February of 1942, a total of 13 Infantry Regiments were activated along with a Medical, Engineer and Quartermaster Regiments, a Marine Company, naval deck divisions, and a Quartermaster Regiment. During the first year of the Guard, a number of special organizations were activated but later were mustered out of service including ten observation squadrons, 1st Evacuation Corps, Sanitary Corps, Women's Ambulance and Nursing Corps, two ambulance battalions, and several provisional companies and cavalry troops. On May 27th, 1943, the 12 regiments of the State Guard were reorganized and redesignated as 10 regions.

The Battalion was established as the largest tactical unit of the Regional system, but on November 23rd, 1943, Regiments were again formed. A history of duties performed by the California State Guard during World War II fills many pages.

Thousands of State Guardsmen were assigned the mission of guarding lines of communications, key facilities, and vital installations during the early days of the war. For example, in February of 1942, 59 men guarded the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and Marin Counties, 37 Guardsmen from another unit searched for a downed Navy airplane in the rugged San Jacinto Mountains, 61 men guarded the water supply for Vallejo, 40 men guarded bridges in Sacramento, 108 Guardsmen protected the Torrance water supply and oil refineries, and special units guarded piers and harbors from San Diego to Redding. In January of 1944, nearly 6,000 officers and men were still on statewide active duty, often with great personal sacrifice of time, wages, and careers. By the end of World War II, over 75,000 Californians had served with State troops.

In 1950, one-third of the California National Guard was federalized. The California Legislature authorized 63 state active duty positions for the California State Military Reserve. By 1952, there were 128 positions in the Office of the Adjutant General (OTAG) and 67 positions in the field organization of California State Military Reserve. Fifty-eight percent of the Military Department's appropriation was allocated to CSMR for administration and recruit training. CSMR reached a strength of 13,599. There existed two division headquarters, eight brigades, 24 battalions and 96 companies.

In 1976, CSMR was reactivated by the Military Department. The organization would eventually be two area commands, Northern Area Command (NACOM) and Southern Area Command (SACOM), five Brigades and numerous Battalions and special commands such as a Medical Brigade, Aviation Brigade, Training Command and Center for Military History.

In 1996 the CSMR once again went through reorganization. Area commands, infantry brigades and battalions were deactivated and reformed as support brigades, battalions and companies in direct support of California National Guard units. Today, the CSMR is ready and able to perform their missions in support of the California National Guard.

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## MEANING OF THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

The change of command is appropriately symbolized by the passing of the colors from the old commander to the new commander through the hands of the senior commander. This represents the passing of authority, responsibility, trust, and mission from the outgoing commander to the incoming commander. The Flag is borne by the unit's senior noncommissioned officer, whose sacred responsibility is to serve as custodian of the unit color, symbolizing his stewardship of the soldiers' in the unit.

# *Sequence of Events*

**Seating of Distinguished guests and personal family**

**Entry of Official Party**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**PROMOTION CEREMONY**

**Remarks by BG (CA) EMORY HAGAN**

**CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY**

**Remarks by:**

**MG William H. Wade II**

**BG (CA) Tom Swidler**

**BG (CA) Emory Hagan**

**Conclusion**

**Reception**

## **NOTES**



## **MISSION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE MILITARY RESERVE**

Soldiers of the California State Military Reserve (CA SMR) are sworn members of the California State Military Forces and wear the uniform of the State of California. The CA SMR is the volunteer, uniformed backup and support organization for the California Army and Air National Guard. As are the Army and Air Guard, the CA SMR is under control of the Governor of California through the State Military Department and the Adjutant General.

Volunteer members of the CA SMR are subject to State Active Duty in the event of any state emergency such as fire, flood, earthquake, or civil disturbance. CA SMR Soldiers provide many vital, unpaid services to local California Army and Air National Guard units including: Personnel and Logistics Support, Legal, Medical, Chaplain Services, Civil and Public Affairs, Family Support and critical radio communications during state emergencies.

Organized under the provisions of the Title 32, United States Code, Section 109 and the California State Military Reserve Act, the CA SMR Initially organized as the California State Guard in 1940 to provide homeland defense and internal security for the State during World War II. Today's CA SMR soldiers are the quintessential minutemen and women of old, now transformed into a modern, highly effective, citizen-led military, service and support organization.

## **MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM H. WADE II THE ADJUTANT GENERAL CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD**



Major General William H. Wade II assumed duties as The Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, California National Guard on 1 September 2005. As a member of the Governors Cabinet he is responsible for the operation of the State Military Department. This organization contains the California Army National Guard, the California Air National Guard and the State Military Reserve, totaling more

than 20,000 personnel. The California National Guard has four flag officer heads of these components.

Major General Wade II previous completed a concurrent assignment as the Commanding General, Multi-National Brigade (East) KFOR 6B, Kosovo and the Assistant Division Commander - Maneuver, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized). Prior to this assignment he served as a traditional Guardsmen as Commander, Counterdrug Task Force, Commander, 3rd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division and Director of Plans, Operations, and Security for the California National Guard.

Prior to this full-time assignment, General Wade served as the Director of Federal Security (Senior Executive Service), Department of Homeland Security, Sacramento, California. General Wade's military service began in 1970 when he enlisted into the California National Guard. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the California Military Academy in 1973.



## **OUTGOING COMMANDER BRIGADIER GENERAL (CA) THOMAS SWIDLER CALIFORNIA STATE MILITARY RESERVE**



Brigadier General (CA) Thomas A. Swidler most recently served as the Chief of Staff of the California State Military Reserve and has served the last three State Military Reserve Commanders in that capacity. He served in the United States Army Reserve from 1958 to 1966, was a Flash Ranger in VII Corps Artillery stationed in Germany and then assigned as the Chief of Public Information for VII Corps Artillery headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany.

Brigadier General Swidler was appointed as the Comptroller of the Northern Area Command of the California State Military Reserve in 1988 and then the Northern Area Command Mobilization Officer with the additional duty of Information Management. Brigadier General Swidler then served as the Commander of the 202nd Infantry Bn in Santa Rosa and thereafter the Chief of Staff of the 2nd Infantry Brigade in San Francisco.

In 1997, Brigadier General Swidler was transferred to New York and was appointed Deputy Director of Communications-Electronics (J6) on the Joint Staff of the New York Guard. Upon his return to California, Brigadier General Swidler was appointed the Deputy Provost Marshal and then Provost Marshal prior to his appointment as Chief of Staff in 2000.

Brigadier General Swidler's military education includes: U.S. Army Infantry Basic and Artillery Flash Ranging schools; the California State Military Reserve Northern Area Command Pre Commissioning and Infantry Officer Basic Courses; California National Guard Physical Security Assistance Training Program; and successful completion of the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff Distance Education Program.

Brigadier General Swidler is the former Corporate Officer of the Presidio Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, Vice President of the Northern California Chapter, and received the Department of the Army Commanders Award from the Commander of Sixth U.S. Army for his service to AUSA. He is a Life Member of the Reserve Officers Association, and a member of the National Guard Association of California, and the Association of Military Comptrollers.

Brigadier General Swidler was educated at Yale University and completed the Stanford University Executive Program in Managing Information Technology. He is certified "Highest Proficiency" in German by the U.S. Army and is fluent in Spanish and French. He retired as a Vice President of IBM in 2000, and is currently Managing Member of Tavistock Capital LLC. Brigadier General Swidler is an FAA certified private pilot.

## **INCOMING COMMANDER COLONEL (CA) EMORY J. HAGAN, III CALIFORNIA STATE MILITARY RESERVE**



Colonel (CA) Emory Hagan III assumed Command of the California State Military Reserve on 7 January 2006.

Colonel Hagan graduated from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science and was commissioned as a regular officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He holds a Masters of Arts in Psychology from Pepperdine University and is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

In 1972 he was assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division in Okinawa and the Republic of Viet Nam as a Rifle Platoon Commander. From 1973 to 1976, he was a Series Commander in the Recruit Training Regiment, the Operations and Training Officer and Headquarters Company Commander in Woman Recruit Training Command, and Aide de Camp to the Commanding General at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. In 1976, he served as the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Abatement Officer, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, Hawaii; the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines (Rein); and the Commanding Officer, Company L, Battalion Landing Team 3/3 in the North Arabian Sea during the Iranian Hostage Crisis. In 1980 he served as the Ground Training Device Officer, Headquarters Marine Corps, and in 1982 he was the Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force in Okinawa.

From 1999 to 2003, he was a Special Agent in the California Bureau of Investigation, California Department of Justice. Colonel (CA) Hagan is currently on state active duty as the Deputy Director, Homeland Security Training and Exercise Program, Governor's Office of Homeland Security. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal w/Gold Star, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal w/Gold Star, Army Achievement Medal, numerous service and campaign medals, Navy/Marine Corps Parachutist Wings, Army Parachutist Wings, Navy SCUBA Diver Insignia and Combat Diver Insignia.

Colonel Hagan is married to Special Agent Supervisor Sharon Pagaling Hagan (Retired), California Bureau of Investigation. They have 5 children: Jessica Hagan; Carrie Hagan; 1stLt Michael Pagaling, USMC; Midshipman 1st Class Marshall Pagaling, US Naval Academy; and Angela Davis.